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In re Patent Application of:
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Application No.: 10/714,858

Filed: November 18, 2003

For: METHOD FOR FORMING AN OPTO-
ELECTRONIC DEVICE

Confirmation No.: 3722

Art Unit: 2891

Examiner: C. Everhart

**ATTENTION: Refund Section
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REQUEST FOR A REFUND
(IMPROPER FEES PAID - SMALL ENTITY PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED)

MS 16
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following documentation and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

DOCUMENTATION

Attached hereto is:

- ☒ a copy of written assertion of small entity status filed on April 10, 2008; and/or
- ☐ a copy of an executed Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.9(f) and 1.27) - Small Business Concern filed on April 10, 2008.

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REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a), applicants hereby request a refund of 50% of the Issue Fee paid on January 28, 2008. Small entity status was established prior to payment of this fee by the filing of a written assertion/statement on November 18, 2003. Applicant's paid the Issue Fee on January 16, 2008 as Small Entity. However, on January 28, 2008, Applicants filed a Notification of Erroneous Payment of Small Entity Fees and paid an additional fee of \$720.00. It is now found that this January 28, 2008 filing was submitted in error and Applicants respectfully request a refund of the \$720.00 paid in error since Applicants are entitled to Small Entity Status. Applicants are again submitting an Assertion of Small Entity status concurrently herewith.

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.26(b), any request for a refund which is not based upon subsequent entitlement to small entity status must be filed with a two-year nonextendable time limit.

The Issue Fee in the amount of \$720.00 was paid on January 28, 2008. It is respectfully requested that the excess fee of \$720.00 be credited to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

Favorable action on the present Request is respectfully requested.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: April 11, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUSMS 16
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The above-identified application qualifies for small entity status. This written assertion of small entity status should satisfy the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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**NOTIFICATION OF ERRONEOUS PAYMENT OF SMALL ENTITY FEES UNDER 37
C.F.R. § 1.28 AND LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37**

C.F.R. § 1.27(G)(2)

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Sir:

It is respectfully noted that the above-identified application no longer qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a).

Small entity status was established with the filing of the application on November 18, 2003, and the small entity filing fees were properly paid. However, after the application was filed but prior to payment of the issue fee, the status of the assignee changed. The application therefore did not qualify for small entity status at the time the issue fee was paid.

It is therefore respectfully requested that the error be excused. The following items are being submitted to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.28(c):

- (1) Separate submission for each application or patent.

This request is being submitted in connection with U.S. Application No. 10/714,858.

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